

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF DARTMOUTH TOWN
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2019 at 6PM**

PRESENT: Cllrs: T de Galleani (Chair); D Gent; B Harriss; R Lyon (Mayor); F Pritchard-Tagg (Deputy Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator: R Searle

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: P Allen; I Pritchard

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none

20. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to note.

21. BUS SHELTERS

The Administrator reported that she and the Clerk had met with County and District Councillor Jonathan Hawkins, Mark Phillips from Devon County Council and a representative from Fernbank, a company looking into supplying five more bus shelters in Dartmouth. These would be provided, installed and maintained by the company and would therefore be cost neutral to the Council in exchange for advertising space. Four potential sites had already been located along Collingwood Road, opposite Sainsbury's, by the Cemetery and along Britannia Road (to be confirmed). Samples of the proposed bus shelters were passed round. A further meeting would be arranged for a later date when Mark Phillips had more information available.

Proposed: Cllr Harriss

Seconded: Cllr Pritchard-Tagg

Resolved: That the Council were happy to accept the provisional offer by Fernbank to provide five bus shelters in Dartmouth subject to further discussions on the type of advertisements and the length of contract.

All Cllrs attending the meeting were in favour

22. HIGH STREET FUNDING

The Clerk via the Administrator reported that District Councillor Hilary Bastone had agreed to represent Dartmouth at the Future High Street Fund meetings, and that if he was unable to make a meeting then either the Clerk or the Mayor would attend instead.

23. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP UPDATE

Cllr Harriss gave an update to advise that a meeting had been arranged with Mike Harding of Festive Lights for 8th March 2019 who was the current contractor responsible for the next two year for the town Christmas lights. At the end of this time, the Council would be able to seek alternative quotes from other companies. The Mayor complimented Katie Brown for her ideas and input into the Christmas

Lights Working Group but was concerned about the cost of financing the Christmas lights especially as there was no longer a Chamber of Trade, Business Forum or anyone in Dartmouth wanting to contribute towards the cost of the lights. Cllr Pritchard-Tagg said that a significant amount had been put into the budget to pay for the Christmas lights. Also, that Mike Harding had mentioned renting the lights rather than buying them. This would mean that his company would put the lights up, maintain and take down. Cllr Harriss said that if anyone was interested, Katie had sample photographs of decorations in the office. Cllr de Galleani asked if the lights could be warm white as white white was quite cold in the winter. A report from the meeting on 2nd February 2019 was circulated to members.

24. 75th ANNIVERSARY FOR D DAY.

The Administrator reported that plans for this were progressing and that an invite had already been issued to the US Ambassador, a TTRO had been applied for to reserve spaces in front of the D Day Memorial on the Embankment to make access easier. There would be representation from the Lieutenancy of Devon and the American Battle Monuments Commission and BRNC.

25. DISASTER PLAN (update)

It had previously been agreed that this would be suspended until the new Council has been elected, so that a Councillor can be appointed to take the lead on this project.

26. EVENTS

Shakespeare Week

A request had been received from the Inn Theatre Company asking for the use of the Castle Estate Car Park for Shakespeare Week 2019.

All councillors present were in favour of the Inn Theatre Company having the use of the Castle Estates Car Park to hold Shakespeare Week 2019.

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL

None